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SUBJECT: PRESS STORY ON RRO CIVILIANIZATION

1. NEWSPAPER "SYNAGERMOS" AUGUST 13 CARRIES STORY THAT 250 AMERICAN FAMILIES WILL COME TO CYPRUS FOLLOWING CLOSURE OF CERTAIN AMERICAN FACILITIES IN GREECE AND ITALY, ACCOMPANYING "EMPLOYEES OF MONITORING RADIO STATIONS." TRANSLATED TEXT TO FOLLOW BY TRANSMITTAL SLIP.

2. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES, WE INTEND TO POINT OUT THAT THIS IS A SOMEWHAT GARBLED ACCOUNT OF PROPOSED CIVILIANIZATION OF RRO, IN WHICH NAVAL PERSONNEL ASSITING RRO WILL GRADUALLY BE REPLACED BY CIVILIANS. (WE HAVE ALREADY INFORMED FSLs IN RRO AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OF PROPOSED CIVILIANIZATION.) WE WILL POINT OUT THAT MOST CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS WILL BE BROUGHT FROM THE STATES, AND THERE IS NO PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER OPERATIONS FROM GREECE OR ITALY TO CYPRUS. AS TO TOTAL NUMBERS, WE WILL POINT OUT THAT THIS NOT YET DECIDED, BUT UNLIKELY TO REACH 250 FAMILIES

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3. EMBASSY PLANS TO HANDLE INFORMALLY AND LOW-KEY AND

WILL NOT PUT OUT ANY RELEASES ON SUBJECT UNLESS STORY
BALLOONS INTO MAJOR LOCAL QUESTION. WE WILL INFORM GOC
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER ALONG LINES PARA 2 IF OTHER
PAPERS PICK UP THE STORY.
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